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## BY EMAIL

The Honorable Michael A. Shipp United States District Judge District of New Jersey 402 East State Street, Room 2020 Courtroom 5W Trenton, NJ 08608

> United States v. S Hackett Marketing LLC, et. al; 17-cv-04911 Re:

Dear Judge Shipp:

On January 11, 2018, Plaintiff United States of America filed a Notice of Motion, Memorandum of Law in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment, and proposed Order of Permanent Injunction in United States v. S Hackett Marketing LLC, et al. Along with these filings, we included a Certificate of Service, stating that the filings would be mailed overnight to all the defendants in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b)(2)(C). We have confirmed with the mail carriers that Defendants Shawn Hackett and S Hackett Marketing LLC received the filings. However, the filings sent to Defendant Roger Thomas and R Thomas Marketing LLC at 8A West First Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 were returned as undeliverable. The mail carrier informed us that Defendants Roger Thomas and R Thomas Marketing LLC were no longer located at that address. We are currently unaware of any other mailing address for Defendants Roger Thomas and R Thomas Marketing LLC.

The November 6, 2017 letter, referenced in footnote 1 of Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law, informed us that we could contact Defendant Roger Thomas at the email address goodhair400@gmail.com. Since we do not have another mailing address for Defendant Roger Thomas, we sent copies of the filings to Defendant Roger Thomas at the email address he provided, goodhair400@gmail.com. We have not had a response from Defendant Roger Thomas.

We attempted to serve Defendants Roger Thomas and R Thomas Marketing LLC with these filings in order to provide them with a final opportunity to respond to the allegations against them. However, we believe that these attempts at service go beyond our obligations as set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 5. All of the defendants were properly served with the summons and complaint, but none of the defendants appeared in this action to respond or otherwise defend. Given the defendants' failure to appear, Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(a)(2) states that we are not required to

serve the defendants with the aforementioned filings and thus, the Court may enter default judgment against all of the defendants.

Sincerely,

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CC: Susan Pappy, District of New Jersey, U.S. Attorney's Office